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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MUZOREWA VISIT TO BOTSWANA

REF: (A) STATE 101530, (B) GABORONE 1081

1. BISHOP MUZOREWA ARRIVED IN GABORONE APPROXIMATELY 1200 HOURS. HE WAS MET BY CROWD OF 250-300 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO SHOUTED SLOGANS AGAINST INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND CARRIED PLACARDS LABELING MUZOREWA A "TRAITOR" AND "SELLOUT". ONE PLACARD ACCUSED MUZOREWA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEATHS OF 17 BATSWANA IN RECENT RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES AMBUSH AT KAZUNGULA. STUDENTS WERE PRIMARILY ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES FROM UBS, BUT A NUMBER OF BATSWANA STUDENTS ALSO JOINED CROWD PROTESTING BISHOP'S ARRIVAL.

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2. GOB SECRETARY TO CABINET STEENKAMP MET MUZOREWA'S CHARTERED PLANE AND SHOWED HIM TO POLICE CONVOY WHICH LEFT AIRPORT BY BACK ROUTE TO AVOID STUDENT DEMONSTRATION. FRUSTRATED STUDENTS THEN MARCHED BACK FROM AIRPORT TO PRESIDENT'S OFFICE UNLOADING SOME OF THE EGGS MEANT FOR MUZOREWA AT PASSING CARS. HOWEVER, STUDENT

DEMONSTRATION WAS LARGELY PEACEFUL, PRIMARILY BECAUSE
OF HEAVY TURNOUT BY BOTSWANA POLICE.

3. CBS NEWS TEAM NOW IN GABORONE PLANS TO SEEK INTER-
VIEW WITH MUZOREWA DURING OVERNIGHT STOP AT PRESIDENT
HOTEL IN GABORONE.
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